



June 19, 2014

TO: Chair Davis
cc: Marian Johnston, Legal Counsel

FR: Chris Wagaman, Transition Director

RE: State Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault (SAC)

The Chief of the Victims Services Division of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Ms. Sonia Banales, contacted the Commission today regarding the State Advisory Commission on Sexual Assault (SAC).

The Commission has responsibility and authority to make appointments to the SAC. There are currently two (2) vacancies.

The next SAC meeting is September 19.

State Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault (SAC)

The State Advisory Committee (SAC) is comprised of 11 appointed positions:

- 6 members appointed by the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
- 5 members appointed by Cal OES.

Additionally, the California Office of Emergency Service (OES) appointed 3 additional non-voting members (2 of which represent the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment and Child Sexual Exploitation Programs).

In 1983, Penal Code amendments gave the SAC authority over these programs.

Of the members appointed by the Commission, Penal Code Section **13836-13836.2** states "Six shall be public members appointed by the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls and shall include one representative of a rape crisis center and one medical professional experienced in dealing with sexual assault trauma victims. The committee members shall represent the points of view of diverse ethnic and language groups".

Current members appointed by the Commission

1. WILLIAM GREEN, M.D./CA Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center, Medical Director (medical professional experienced in dealing with sexual assault trauma victims)
2. VICTORIA GWIASDA/CALICO, Executive Director
3. HEIDY KELLISON – Public Member
4. LINDA McFARLANE, MSW, LCSW/ Just Detention Intl, Deputy Executive Director
5. Vacant (must be a representative of a rape crisis)
[ELLEN YIN-WYCOFF/CALCASA resigned as of 6/13/1]
6. Vacant

The Commission needs to appoint 2 people, with one representing a Rape Crisis Center.

Penal Code **13836.1** states “Five shall be appointed by the Director of Emergency Services, and shall include three district attorneys or assistant or deputy district attorneys, one representative of a city police department or a sheriff or a representative of a sheriff's department, and one public defender or assistant or deputy public defender of a county.

Current members appointed by Cal OES

1. GARY LIEBERSTEIN /County of Napa, District Attorney
2. NANCY O’MALLEY/County of Alameda, District Attorney
3. JENNIFER TEJADA /Sausalito Police Department, Chief of Police
4. Vacant (must be a district attorney or assistant or deputy district attorney)
5. Vacant (must be a public defender or assistant or deputy public defender of a county)

Current non-voting members appointed by the Cal OES

1. Candy Stallings/San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services, Executive Director (Sexual Assault Program)
2. Anthony J. Urquiza, Ph.D/Mental Health Services -UC Davis Children’s Hospital, Director

(Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program)

3. Sparky Harlan/The Bill Wilson Center, Executive Director
(Child Sexual Exploitation/Intervention Program)